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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 439300)

In re the Application of:)	Customer No. 27717
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DAVID S. UTTERBERG)	
)	Art Unit: 3763
Serial No.: 10/062,570)	
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Filed: February 5, 2002)	Examiner: Mendez
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For: BLOOD SET PRIMING METHOD)	
AND APPARATUS)	

TO: MAIL STOP: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2005, a discussion of the merits and distinctions of new claims 38-40 follows:

Independent claim 38 shares in the patentable distinction of earlier claims in the application over the cited prior art with the language, beginning on line 10: "...whereby said set comprises a closed loop of tubing when said second connector is in removable sealed connection with the patient connector..."

This distinction over Kawano was discussed in the Remarks section beginning on page 9 of the Amendment mailed June 30, 2004.